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REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS.

Memoirs of Mary, Queen of Scots; with Anecdotes of the Court of Henry the Second, during her Residence in France. 8vo. 2 vols. London 1823. Longman & Co.

To trace the destiny of Mary Stuart belongs rather to the historian than the biographer; yet it is a curious fact, that, of the multifa-rious volumes of which directly or incidentally this unfortunate Princess forms the subject, not one author has furnished satisfactory details of her early life, or attempted to trace the circumstances which must have operated in the formation of her character. To supply this deficiency, appears to have been the first ebject of Miss Benger's work. Of its diffi-culty none can doubt, since the regular his-terians of France make little mention of Mary till after her return to Scotland; and it is only by searching in contemporary chro-niclers or antiquated memoirs, that any information is to be acquired respecting the first eighteen years of her life. Even in the collections of Dr. Jebb, we recollect but two Tracts that contain any anecdotes of her childhood; of these, the first and best is written by her contemporary, Bishop Lesley —the other is composed by a learned Priest, who, at the express uesine of the First, com-Maria, the consort of Charles the First, compiled whatever anecdotes he could collect of this Queen, who by his church was honoured as a martyr. With both these Tracts, Miss Benger seems to be perfectly familiar; how even with these auxiliaries, and with all that even with these auxiliaries, and with all that industry and diligence could supply, she has found iew opportunities for those personal details on which the biographer delights to expatiate. To fill up the chasm, she has however fortunately offered a sketch of the Coart of France, the habits, the anusements, the literature of polished society, which, though brief, is not incomplete, and must, we causeive, he new to the minimizer. we canceive, be new to the majority of her English readers. For this deviation from her narrative, she apologieze with little reason, since her portraiture is derived from those most authentic sources, the elder chro-nicless and mounts in series. niclers and memoir writers of France. It mbines information with amusement, and renders the reader so perfectly acquainted with the world in which Mary lived, with the

ceremony, Francis, who, during some days had been languishing under indisposition, was roused by the entrance of the Duke de Nemours, the Cardinal Lorrain, and the Duke of Guise, who, an bended knees, sainted him with the title of king. At this electric sound, the invalid leapt from his couch, and in a transport of rapturous amazement, protested he was well, and ready to adopt their good connsel. The next moment his mather, evi-dently dejected, entered the apartment, to accompany him from the Tournelles to the Louvre; where he was to receive, according to custom, such addresses and deputations as were offered to the new sovereign. Without hesitation the young monarch obeyed, and walked between the Cardinal and the Duke of Guise. Mary Stuart followed with Catharine, who, for a moment, losing her habitual self-possession, in a sort of reverie, traversing the galleries, took the wrong turning, and had descended one stair before she per-ceived her mistake: ashamed of her abstraction, she endeavoured to disguise it by a compliment to the young queen; and waiting till she overtook her, she exclaimed, 'Pass on, Madam; it is now your part to take precedence.' Although this manceuvre deceived not Mary, she accepted the contresy with seeming gratitude; but, in her turn, insisted that Catharine should enter the chariot first. With the same refined duplicity, Catharine commissioned Mary to demand from the Duchess de Valentinois, certain crown jewels, and on other occasions to assume consequences and authority. As that princess was at this time notoriously ignorant of state affairs, and from the languor of her health, even unwil-ling to be burthened with them, it is impossi-ble not to sarmise that her interference was exacted by her insidious step-mother."

In the following extract we have an interesting picture of Mary, after the death of Francis, during her farewell visit to the Duke and Duchess of Lorrain, and her grandmother, the Duchess Dowager of Guise :

mother, the Duchess Dowager of Guise:

"She made a public entry into Nancy, conducted by the young Duke, and his mother the Duchess Dowager Christina; at the palace, she was greeted by her sister-in-law, the amiable Claude, who consoled herself for her removal to a country in which some vestiges of barbarism were still visible, by drawing around new activals of fair companious. ber removal to a country in which some vestile with the world in which Mary lived, with the amosphere by which she was serrounded, that he seems instinctively to acquire an insight into her character, and to watch the growth of those prejudices and opinious which so materially influenced her afterlife.

The Court of Henry, confessedly the most brilliant of the day, furnishes many amusing amediates, but we pass over even the british accessed of Mary's marriage with the Danmin, to introduce her as opposed to the artical Catharine de Medicis, at the moment of the strained before the more of France. During the last heurs of Henry had been celebrated the may have been little but of Savoy.

"In this first re-union with the court, Mary was received, by the nobility, with pro-ting of partners and to watch the growth of the unique with affected whose elegance and beauty recalled the image of her father's court, and almost created another Fontainebleau. As, at this period, neither her consort nor herself were sufficiently when the county of the day, furnishes many amusing another portained the image of the county of the day, furnishes many amusing another protected the image of the day, furnishes many amusing another for tutelage, brilliant scene of Mary's marriage with the Danmin, to introduce her as opposed to the artical Catharine de Medicis, at the moment of the throne of France. During the statement, in which she anticipated her demont, maintained precedency in the county of pleasure. Day after day they issued edicts for amusement, in which, whilst Francis lived, opposed a barrier to the approaches of the other sex, it was no longer forbidden to avow for her, sentiments to the throne of France. During the last heurs of Henry had been celebrated with a registration to the throne of France. During the last heurs of Henry had been celebrated with a registration to the throne of France. During the last heurs of Henry had been celebrated with a registration to the throne of France. During the last heurs of Henry had been

congenial to the state of Mary's feelings, and congenial to the state of Mary's feelings, and she was soon compelled, by an attack of ague, a malady, at that time, equally prevalent in France and Germany, to exchange the bril-liant spectacles of Nancy for the more salu-brious, though unattractive, realdence of Joinville. This town, situated on the river Marne, formed the capital of a petty district, which, in 1530, had been created into a prin-cipality, in favour of the house of Guise; its chief or nament was the ancient chatean, in chief ornament was the ancient chateau, in the chapel of which Antoinetta of Bourbon the chapel of which Antoinetta of Bourbon had raised a superb monument, wrought of porphyry and jasper, which was dedicated to the memory of her departed lord. In that venerable mansion, an interval of ten years had produced no perceptible change; it still preserved the same solemn aspect which pervaded it during the last visit of Mary of Guise. Proud to display and to perpetuate the emblems of her grief, Antoinetta suffered act the black hangings to be removed from not the black hangings to be removed from the wall, nor was her own sable veil dis-carded; the austere gravity of the aged Princarded; the austere gravity of the aged Princess, and the profound reverence she received from her attendants, gave to every object the character of funeral pagnantry; no gaieties were here exhibited. Absorbed in religious zeal, this Princess, even in Invishing kindness on her grand-daughter, cordially approved of her departure, believing, that by her presence, she might reclaim her subjects from rebellious heresy. Such sanctified demeanour was rather calculated to impire reverence than love, and Mary was, perhaps, not unwilling to quit the almost sacred retreat for the more congenial hospitality of her anne not unwilling to quit the almost sacred retreater the more congenial hospitality of her ann Rénée, in whose luxurious apartments was seen no conventual austerity, and who lavished on her niece attentions, that in part consoled her for the mortification of assisting at the sacre of Charles the Ninth, which was performed on the 25th of June. At that so lemnity appeared Mary, in all the state and pomp of widowed royalty; but distinguished by the white mourning allotted to youthful dowagers; her dark hrown treases were conhy the water monthing another years of downgers; her dark brown tresses were concealed under a long crape veil, which floated loosely on her shoulders, and, according to Brantome, was not so delicate as the tint of her colouriess cheeks.

"In this first re-union with the court,

tion. The charms of her conversation, her graceful address, her captivating accomplishments, had raised the woman above the Quien; and, to complete those powers of fascination, Mary, herself, was become susceptible of feelings to which she had hitherto, probably, remained a stranger. A quidden reverse of fortune, by discovering the hollowness of the practised courtier, taught her to discern and to appreciate those proofs of disinterested regard which she had lately experienced. Naturally disposed to munificence, she found, to her surprise, she was become tributary to kindness and sympathy, which it was not unpleasing to repay with gratitude and confidence; even the sense of obligation awakened emotions of tenderness more pleasing than painful. The latent capacities of her heart and understanding were now unfolded, and The charms of her conversation, her nderstanding were now unfolded, and the bitterness of humiliation softened by the sciousness of possessing, in herself, a wer of dispensing happiness, independent

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"From Rheims, Mary proceeded to Paris; into which she made a public entry, far dif-ferent from that which she had once anticiated, but more flattering to female sensi pated, but more nattering to remain con-bility than any formal homage that could have been rendered to the crowned consort of the Sovereign. With the exception of the young Menarch, all the Princes of the Blood with a brilliant company of cavaliers, met her young Measures, all the Frances of the Biscod, with a brilliant company of cavaliers, met her at the gates of St. Denis, and followed in her train to the Louve. The next day, she was conducted to St. Germains, where she soon observed that a complete change had taken place in the language of the court; which new, in compliance to the King of Navarre, affected unbounded liberality for the Humants. Catharine herself, though not desired nots. Catharine herself, though not daring gonots. Cattarine nersell, though not carring ta forsake the mass, or positively to attend a Calvinistic conventicle, permitted a sort of suligious assembly in her apartment, where polemical discussion took place of sen-timental triding, and the Bishop of Valence was allowed to preach a sermon; in which, to the horror of Chantonnay, the Spanish ambassador, he omitted any invocation of the Saints or the Virgin. Neither the Duke of Ouise nor his niece chose to be present at these discourses; and the old Constable Montmorency was so much offended by the deviations from established usage, that he was once tempted to throw the preacher from the window. It had been prudent in Mary so far to surmount her prejudices as to be one of the Bishop's anditors; but, in this instance, her resolution was immutable; her sincerity inspired respect, and in a con-versation with Throckmorton, she frankly declared, that as she had been bred a Ca-

tholic, she hoped to die in that communion.

"" To be plain with you," said she, " the religion which I profess I take to be the most religion which I profess I take to be the most acceptable to God; and, indeed, neither. Constancy becemeth all people well, and none better than Princes, and such as have rule over realms, and specially in matters of religion. I have been brought up in this religion, and who might credit me in any thing, if I should show myself hight in this case; and though I be young, and not well learned, yet have I heard this matter oft disputed by unine uacle, my Lord Cardinal, and I found thereis no great reason to change my opinion."

"After this protestation, she conceded to Threekinerton that many abuses had crept hat the church, which called for reforms but added,

" I am none of those that will change my religion every year; and, as I told you in the beginning, I mean to constrain none of my subjects, but would wish that they were all as I am; and, I trust, they should have no

support to constrain me."

"But if Mary declined polemical controversy, she resumed her classical pursuits, which had lately been suspended, and devoted two or three hours of every morning to the perusal of a Latin author, with the learned Buchanan. At her leisure, she was encircled by Rousard and du Bellay, and other fashionable bards, who cultivated her fine taste, and stimulated her to the exercise of a native talent for metrical composition; and, according to Brantome, she often pro-duced extempore poems, illustrating some idea happily struck ont in conversation.

"Mary sometimes wrote poems of a higher cast, which breathed of taste and feeling, were even tinctured with a certain clas sical elegance, rarely exemplified in any contemporary female productions; to this class belongs the well-known poem composed on the death of Francis, En mon triste et dous chant. If Mary drew attention as a poet, as a minstrel she was captivating; her voice was melodious, and she never appeared to more advantage than when she touched the lute, with a hand, which, if her admirers may be credited, presented a model to the sculptor; the ausceptibility of her character imparted a touching expression to her countenance which would have excited interest without that symmetry of feature and form, by which she is allowed to have been distinguished added to these powerful attractions, the pity inspired by her sorrows, the vicissitudes of her romantic fortune, the difficulties of her situation, the perilous prospects before her all inspired to engage sympathy, to kindle enthusiasm. The nobility crowded round her; and parties were formed, and specta-cles presented, of which she appeared to be the only object." - - -For the history of Mary after her return

to Scotland, there existed a perplexing mas of materials; but contemporary writers, with the exception of Castelnan, appear to have been all warped by party feelings. From the correspondence of Randolph, the English the correspondence of Randolph, the English resident, Miss B. has made a selection which enables the reader to form a tolerably correct idea of Mary and her Court. We regret there was not a more detailed account of the youn Queen's public entry into Edinburgh; in deed after those minute descriptions with which she had indulged us in France, we are disposed to quarrel with the author's almost puritanical silence on the Revels of Scotland, though certainly already better known. But the rapid succession of events soon renders us indifferent to this omission, and after the assination of Rizzio we never revert to the subject. The history of that tragedy is fairly given; and, although being chiefly extracted from the relation of the conspirator Lord Ruthven, it cannot be suspected of partiality to Mary, it unquestionably places her in the most interesting light, and inspires respect and sympathy in the reader.

The concluding part of this work is too brief and rapid. Our limits do not allow us to enter into a regular criticism of it; but among its defects we have remarked an occasional negligence of style, in which the author seems to betray weariness of the task, or impatience of the efforts it required. As

able and useful acquisition to this department of our literature. The plan is well conceived, and these Memoirs may be perused with advantage by all who wish to attain the knowledge of facts without the fatigue of controversy, and to acquire information without the trouble of exploring old books, or traversing voluminous collections.

Let us add, generally, that we approve of works of this kind, on account of their lead-ing the young to relish history. Their sepa-rate interest inspires a love for information, which afterwards develops itself in a taste for solid and useful reading, and, from admiring portions, to the greater application which a study of the whole requires.

Poems on Various Subjects, With Introductory Remarks on the present state of Science and Literature in France. By Helen Maria Williams. 8vo. pp. 298, 1823. G. & W. B. Whittaker.

THE celebrity of this lady's name induced us to give an early perusal to her book. Had she lived as long and as lately in England as she has done in France, she would hardly have inflicted such a penance upon us; for she would have known that scores of better works, both in prose and verse, are almost monthly consigned to oblivion. Indeed nothing but that doting affection which we feel for our youthful performances could have led to this publication; and we are sorry the afforded so unadvised an example of that frailty. Miss Williams seems to think that if er quondam old friends were still in office at the head of our critical journals, she would have stood a good chance of their favourable report: we cannot tell how that matter stands, but we can inform her that the wide diffusion of knowledge which has taken place since she went to reside in Paris, has rendered partial criticism a very ticklish thing among the present generation, and that the not say public opinion is so jealous) that the recommendation of a bad book only d-ns the panegyrist without serving the author. All that is now in the power of a Reviewer beyond perhaps two or three experiments the other way) is to promote the success of valuable productions by making their merits known. On these grounds, we trust Miss W. will pardon us for not responding to her appeal to the moderns in the tone of praise which our respect for her talents and our admiration for her sex would have rendered so pleasing to us.

Some of the poems were published many years since; others are of later date, and several of them addressed to the parpose of immortalizing the wedding-day of M. Coquerel, the author's nephew, in 1819; the first new-year's day seen by A. C. A.D. 1821, in consequence of the foregoing event; Lines to Helen (a namesake grand-niece) "a new-born infant," also in 1821; and sundry other events of equal importance; if, indeed, any thing can be of as much importance as the family promise of the continuation, in a numerous line, of the race of Williams-Coquerel or Coquerel-Williams in France.

But before we come to the poetical assur-ances of this gratifying fact (which agreeably to Miss W.'s method of turning every event into a political point of view, bodes no want of Cockerels for the future wars of France, though not in time for the approaching Spaor impatience of the efforts it required. As aish conflict;) we are bound to pay some a whole, however, we consider it as an agree-attention to the Introduction. It consists of

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animadversions on a passage in the Edinburgh Review, mentioning "the present degenerate state of science and literature in France;" which Miss W. tries to refute by stringing together with eulogies, like a row of beads set in gold, the names of all the literati with whom she is acquainted in Paris. No doubt several of these are justly distinguished men; but surely no person who is at all inmen; but surery no person who is at all in-formed on the progress of the age will venture toquestion the double proposition, that France has degenerated, and stands low in the scale of comparison with other nations. Some, too, whom Miss W. lauds to the skies, are too, whom Miss W. Inuus to the state of the line better than shallow pretenders, quacks, line better than shallow pretenders, Yet we or such as disgrace their country. Yet we will allow her wished for conclusion, " that the Revolution has left some talents, some mopey even the Edinburgh Review did not absolutely to deny.

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Upon the Introduction there is a Note, controverting some story of O'Meara's about Buonsparte's saying that Miss Williams' voon the Events of his Government of a Hundred Days," "was a very silly composi-tion, filled with a string of talschoods; se-condly, that he had never worn any other breastplate than his flannel-waistcoat; and thirdly, that the book, foolish as it was, must have been well paid." To this our indignant emigrant replies: "With respect to the ight circumstance of his having worn, durof the latter part of his reign, some kind fmysterious ægis beneath his flannel-waistcoat, I shall only repeat that it was a fact of pablic notoriety at Paris, and that it gave a ery awkward appearance to his person. But rery awkward appearance to me person and I hasten from his coating to a far more serious alegation against me, that of having been well said. What pages of my volume deserved best the recompense? Was it the tribute offered to Koschako, the hero of Poland; or to La to kosciosko, the hero of Poland; or to La Fsyette, the veteran of liberty in two worlds? It is the misfortune [Miss Helen Maria Williams, a famed and ci-devant glorified fe-male reformer, declares]—it is the misfortune of those who write in times of revolution, that every successive government begins by proclaiming principles which the friend of liberty is tempted to applaud, end as regularly ends by governing in its em way. Exulting in the fall of one tyranny, the ber usy. Exating an the fail of one tyrainly, are hard deludes itself with the hope of better things from new viden, who take care in their turn to conside the dreamer of folly. All I said of Buonaparte, in that volume, were well known facts, upon that the volume, were well known facts, upon hich the stamp of fate was impressed, and hich, while I traced them in a feeble sketch, which, while I traced them in a record with History had already seized, and graven with

The last period is in the style of the school to which the writer belongs: "the stamp of file," and "the march of mind," and "the spread of principles," and "the pen of history," and all the confected phraseology current from its upper benches to its lowest forms, from its philosophers to its scribblers, and all the confected phraseology can be stored by the state of the scribblers of the scribblers, and the state of the scribblers, and the state of the scribblers, and the scribblers, and the scribblers, and the scribblers of th te at once trite, unmeaning, and, through restition, offensive. But what shall we say to the two preceding periods; what an argument spinats Revolution under the semblance of Reform! After these confessions consistent rm! After these confessions, one might think the writer was no advocate for changes; but the worthy old lady appears to be just as

anxious for revolutions, new rulers, and new disappointments, as ever she was. We beg our readers to consider this as philosophy,

our readers to consider this as philosophy, not politics—we seldom offend, but such consummate folly is provoking.

The poetry is hardly worth the name: little of it would in our day be admitted into the poorest magazine. There are some very mediocre Peruvian tales, ballad tales still worse and odes and sonnets, &c. on all the backnied and odes and somets, &c. on all the backnied common-place subjects, such as 'Seusibility,' 'Peace,' 'Hope,' 'Twilight,' 'the Moon,' 'the Strawberry,' 'Simplicity,' 'Disappointment,' 'Love,' Flowers sent to me when ill,' 'Flowers in March,' 'Epitaph on a favourite Dog,' 'Elegy to a young Thrush that had fallen into the area and could not be found,' 'the Linnet and the Cat,' 'Lines to my two Nonbew,' and similar twaddle. Now it is pos-Nephews, and similar twaddle. Now it is possible the reading public may fancy "all this sort of thing" more than we do; for we so lemnly protest we are so sick of it, that we had almost rather be hunted by a tiger than read a poem on a cat's clawing a pretty sweet bird—rather fall from a house top than weep over the details of unfledged thrushes tumbling into areas—and (if it be not an hihernicism) rather peruse our own epitaph than be called on to criticise whimpering effusions on the tembstenes of dear Pompeys, darling Bibis, or divine Fideles. We hold it to be absolutely inhumsn to pen funereal panegyrics on deceased pupples, and suffer a literary hydrophobia when such subjects approach as. Miss W., therefore, has none of our sympathy in mourning her Bibi thus :

Let those who coldly scorn the tear That soothes the grief we prove, Say, if fidelity be dear, If love has claims to love;

Say, on what hallow'd spot there lives A heart unknown to range, That to one chosen object gives A love no power can change? Tell, in what tender breast to find

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Affection half so true ?-Ah, Brat, who of human kind Has learnt to love like you!

What woman, in the name of all that's ridiculous, would have a man to love her like dog?

The catastrophe of the thrush is another case in point—it "escaped from the writer's hand (it has not, alss! from her pen,) and falling down the area of a house, could not be found." Now listen to the tender sensations occasioned by this deplorable accident: Mistaken Bird, ah whither hast thou stray'd?

My friendly grasp why eager to clude?
This hand was on thy pinion lightly laid,
And fear'd to hurt thee by a touch too rude.

s there no foresight in a Thrush's breast, That thou down yonder gulph from me wouldat go? That gloomy area lurking cats infest,

And there the dog may rove, alike thy foe. would with lavish crumbs my bird have fed, And brought a crystal cup to wet thy bill; would have made of down and moss thy bed, Soft, though not fashion'd with a Thrush's skill.

Fram'd with the wisdom nature lent to thee,
Thy house of straw had brav'd the tempent's rage,
And thou through many a Spring hadat liv'd to see
The utmost limit of a Thrush's age.

Ill-fated bird !—and does the Throsh's race,
Like Man's, mistake the path that leads to blins?
Or, when his eye that tranquil path can trace,
The good he well discerns through folly miss?

Ehen! iam satis. Neither men nor thrush we imagine, expect that the path of bliss lies in tumbling down areas!

In justice to the author we shall now quote from the best specimens we can discover in her volume, and with these surrender it to "the stamp of fate," if not "the iron pen of history," of which we fear it will never "form a part." At page 198 we find an irregular fragment, anggested by a particular door in ages. The writer supposes the ghosts of all who have there been murdered assembled in that room, and even travels out of the bloody record to imagine more horrible atrocities. We select what we most approve:

But who is he, convuls'd with pain, Yet in so deep, so wild a groan,
A sharper angulah seems to live
Than life's expiring pang can give!

He dies deserted, and alone. If pity can allay thy woes,
Sad spirit, they shall find repose:
Thy friend, thy long-low'd friend is near; He comes to pour the parting tear,
He comes to catch the parting breath.
Ah, heaven! no melting look he wears, His alter'd eye with vengeance glares; Each frantic pession at his soul; "Tis he has dash'd that venom'd bowl With agony and death !

But whence arose that solemn call? Yon bloody phantom waves his hand, And beckons me to deeper gloom! Rest, troubled form ! I come-Some unknown power my step impels To fiorror's secret cells. For thee I raise this sable pall,
It shrouds a ghastly band: It shrouds a glissity eand:
Stretch'd beneath, thy eye shall trace
A mangled regal race!
A thousand suns have roll'd, aince light Rush'd on their solid night!
See, o'er that tender frame grim Famine hangs, And mocks a mother's pangs!

The last, last drop which warm'd her veins

That meagre infant drains,
Then gnaws her fond, sustaining breast!
Stretch'd on her feeble knees, behold Another victim sinks to lasting rest;
Another yet her matron arms would fold, Vho strives to reach her mittron arms in vain-Too weak her wasted form to raise,

On him she hends her eager gase;
She sees the soft imploring eye
That salts her dear embrace, the cure of pain—
She sees her child at distance die! But now her stedfast heart can bear, Unmov'd the pressure of despair. When first the winds of winter urge their course

O'er the pure stream, whose current amouthly glides.

The heaving river swells its troubled tides;
But when the bitter blast with keener force
O'er the high wave an icy fetter throws.
The harden'd wave is fix d in dead repose.

"Say, who that hoary form? alone he standa; And meekly lifts bis wither'd hands; His white beard streams with blood! I see bim with a smile deride:

The wounds that pierce his shrivell'd side,

Whence flows a purple flood to

But sudden pangs his bosom tear—
On one hig drop, of deeper dye,
I see him dix his haggard eye
In dark and wild despair!

A note mentions that Rabaut St. Etienne has dia collection of letters, which will be pub-lists, and "throw more light on the first years of the revolution than any work that has yet

RETTRA SMALES

That sanguine drop which wakes his wee, Say, Spirit! whence its source?"

4 Ask no more its source to know— Ne'er shall mortal eye explore Whence flow'd that drop of human gore, Till the starting dead shall rise, Unchain'd from earth, and mount the skies, And time shall end his fated course.

Now th' unfathom'd depth behold: Look but once-a second glance Wraps a heart of human mould In death's eternal trance!

"That shapeless phantom, sinking slow Deep down the vast abyas below, Darts thro' the mists that shroud his frame, A horror, nature hates to name! Mortal, could thine eyes behold All those sullen mists enfold, All those sullen mists eufold,
Thy sinews at the sight accurst
Would wither, and thy heart-strings burst;
Death would grasp with icy hand,
And drag thee to our grisly band!
Away! the sable pall I spread,
And give to rest th' unquiet dead;
Haste! ere its horrid shroud enclose
Thy form, benumb'd with wild affright,
And plunce thee far through water of nich

And plunge thee far through wastes of night, In you black gulph's abhorr'd repose!"

To this picture, which possesses poetical force, we have only to add two very short pieces—an "Imitation of lines written by Boucher, author of a poem called Les Mois, below his picture, which a fellow-prisoner had drawn, and which he sent to his wife and children the day before his execution-1794." Lov'd objects! cease to wonder when ye trace The melancholy air that clouds my face; Ah! while the Painter's skill this image drew, They rear'd the Scaffold, and I thought of you!

Imitation of Lines addressed by M. D.—, a young Man of twenty-four years of age, the night before his execution, to a young Lady to whom he was engaged—1791.

The hour that calls to death is near, The hour that caus to death is hear, It brings to me no throb of fear; The breast that honour arms, can brave The murd'rer's steel, th' untimely grave; But thou, to whom I gave my heart, From thee for ever must I part ?

which is thrown upon the subject becomes trebly valuable and important.

 A description of Egypt, recently published at Paris, contains a great number of plates illustra-tive of Egyptian antiquities. In the subterra-neous tombs of Thebes, on the left bank of the tive of Egyptian antiquities. In the subterraneous tombs of Thebes, on the left hank of the Nile, discoveries are daily made of some precious fragment, whether of the work of Egyptian industry or of Greek and Egyptian writing, which discloses particulars hitherto unknown, of the manners, the institutions, and the usages of Egypt. Among these plates are several representing the subjects of the pictures in the tombs of the kings. One extremely curious scene exhibits the metempsychosis. The artist in a manner embodied this doctrine, which Pythagoras borrowed from the Egyptians. Upon a lofty tribunal sits one of the principal Egyptian gods, accompanied by a figure holding a large balance. Various persons appear to be approaching the tribunal, in order to submit themselves for indeaccompanied by a figure holding a large balance. Various persons appear to be approaching the tribunal, in order to submit themselves for judgment. Sentence has already been pronounced on one of those individuals, who has been condemned to return to the earth in the shape of a hog. The upper part of the picture is occupied by the emblem of the Egyptian Mercury, who, like the Mercury employed in the Odyssey as the conductor of souls, is armed with a rod, with which he drives before him the unhappy wretch who has undergone a swinish transmigration.

T. Lacour, the director of the free school of design and painting at Bordeaux, has published

design and painting at Bordeaux, has published an important Essay on Egyptian Hieroglyphics. He has adopted for his motto the following pas-sage from Clement of Alexandria: "Sunt He-braicis similia Ægyptorum enigmata." And in-deed the whole of his system is comprehended braicis similia. Egyptorum ænigmata." And indeed the whole of his system is comprehended in those few words. The author's opinions are more fully developed in the following paragraph of his introduction; "About twelve years ago, the examination of some Egyptian hieroglyphics suggested to me the idea of analyzing the Hebrew language, and of comparing the primitive elements of that language with those of the hieroglyphics. This comparison the more strongly excited my curiosity, as I was convinced that the Hebrew language was very nearly the language which was spoken in Egypt at the period when the Israelities, under the guidance of Moses, left that country, after having sojourned in it above that country, after having sojourned in it above four hundred years." A little further on, M. La-cour adds, that he is persuaded the Hebrew lan-guage was in Egypt the sacred language, the lan-guage of the mysteries and symbols; and that he is equally satisfied that what is called the Copt

From thee for ever must I part?
Wilt thou not hear my latest sigh?—
Ah, 'tis a cruel task to die!

To-morrow, my clos'd eyes no more Shall gaze on beauty I adore;
To-morrow, sald'aing every grace,
Uacassing tears shall bathe thy face;
To-morrow, shill'd by death's cold gram, This hand no longer thine shall clasp;
For thou—no more wilt thou be nigh—Ah, 'tis a cruel task to die!

A Journey to Two of the Ouse of Upper Egypt. By Sir Arch. Edmonstone, Bart. Swo. pp. 139; London 1892. J. Murray.

Tuss, shough a small volume, contains matter of much interest to the scholar and antiquarian. At any period it would have merited this praise; but at the present time, when, as we are persuaded, very rapid strides are making to uplift the veil of maytery, which has for long centuries shrouded the history of one of the earliest of civilized mations, and to unfold the literature, arts, and acciences of a people whose very language has been till now an inexplicable memoral)—at auch an era, we say, every scattered ray of light

Among the objects consecrated by the records of former ages, there are few more remarkable than the Oases of Egypt, which the historian, the natural philosopher, and the poet, have equally contributed to immortalize. It was not extraordinary therefore that they should excite the curiosity of a mind so intelligent as our author's, and hold out inducements to him to perform the jour-ney he has here so briefly described.

In January 1819, Sir A. Edmonstone left Cairo to explore these famous " green spots in the desert" of Libya; and it has been his good fortune in a tour of 600 miles to add the discovery of a fourth Oasis to the three previously known, namely, 1. The northern, Siwah, explored by Browne and Horneman (and from recent circumstances almost demonstrated to be the site of the famous temple of Jupiter Ammon.) 2. The Ousis Pares, explored by the indefatigable and zealons Belzoni. And, 3. The Ousis Magna, in the latitude of Thebes, between 25° and 26°, and often visited, as it lies on the caravan route through Egypt to the interior of Africa. Yet even in the latter the remains of magnificent antiquity are daily being brought to light, and the volume before us has some curious remarks on those described by the French travellers-Cailliand and Drovetti. It is about as far to the West of the Great Oasis (through which he journeyed,) as that is from the Nile, and nearly on the same parallel, that Sir A. E. has laid down-4. The new Western Oasis.

Having procured the necessary Arab protections, guides, &c. from sheikh Daoud Waffee of the Ababdé, and another Bedonin sheikh called Hamet, the author departed on the 11th of February from the banks of the Nile at Beniali, below Siout, and directed his Nile at Beniali, below Stour, and Chays, pre-course to the south-west for six days, precaeding 4, 12, 14, 14, 11, and 9 hours on days respectively, so that it was in all 64 hours march, or about 180 English miles, to the Ruins near Bellata in the Western Ossis, which are first described.

" On the 15th, about noon (it is stated,) we passed for some distance among hillocks, resembling artificial heaps. They seem ex-actly to correspond with those Belzoni describes in his journey to the more northern Onsis, and which, he imagines, are the

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are both composed of a certain number of spots, yet many authors speak of them as if there were but one in cacb, and among others Ptolemy, when laying down their latitude. The Arabic geographers have given the name of El Wahat to that portion of the desert within which all the Wahs were supposed to lie; and Major Rennell, in his work on the Geography of Herodotus, computes it to extend 350 miles from North to Sonth, and 146 from East to West. 150 from East to West.

Strabe resembles the north of Africa to a leopard's skin, being covered with spots of cultivation, and Stephanus Byzantinus applies the same term to one of the Oases taken in the collective sense. This compari-son particularly agrees with the appearance of the country we had just arrived at, which is that of a plain, dotted about with a few insulated tracts of rich and wooded cultiva-

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The most probable theory is, that "the foundations of these islands were first laid by vegetation occasioned by springs, the decay of which vegetation produced soil until it increased to the state in which we behold them. They appear universally surrounded by high lands, which will account for these springs."

Ancient authors draw glowing, and as it seems not exaggerated pictures of their astonishing fertility, for Sir A. E. tells us,

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"In the evening we passed through a beautiful wood of acacias, the foliage of which at
a little distance recalled English scenery to
our recollection. The trees far exceeded in
size any I had ever seen of the kind, and,
upon measuring the trunk of one, it proved
to be 17 feet 3 inches in circumference."!!

The travellers (Messrs. Hoghton and Master accompanied the author,) immediately began their survey of the Oasis. On the 17th, began their survey of the Oasis. On the 17th, leaving the villages of Hismint and Eudough on their left, they arrived at a place named Abondaklongh, apparently about thirty miles from Bellata, and there stopped for the night. Hence, four miles and a half to the north, is El Cazar, a beautiful spot seated on an emisence, and "encircled by extensive gardens filled with palm, acacia, citron, and various other kinds of trees." The only thing worthy of abservation here was a strong chalybeate and sulphurie spring; but about six miles to the westward, the farthest distance to which the author penetrated, his travel was rewarded anthor penetrated, his travel was rewarded by the discovery of some most interesting m. The first described is a temple in tolerable preservation, though half filled with sand, which their guide told them was called Daer El Hadjar.

4 On the 19th (the narrative continues,) n our way to Daer El Hadjar, we diverged t little to the right, where we found vestiges a lattle to the right, where we found vestiges of a town of greater extent than any we had seen before in this district. It was now a complete mass of rnins, and we could distinguish nothing but a small remnant of a temple, and the fragment of a white marble statue. This last was apparently of Greek workmanship, and not without elegance, allowed as imporfect.

long, by 24 feet 8 inches wide. In front is a portico of eight columns; three only are standing, and they in a mutilated state: their circumference is 9 feet 6 inches, and the apace between 7 feet 7 inches: the two centre have portals reaching half way up, not connected by a lintel. The first chamber is 23 feet 9 inches, by 29 feet 3 inches, supported by four pillars, five feet in diameter at the shaft. As much as is visible of the walls is traced with figures and hierogetaphics. walls is traced with figures and hieroglyphics.
This apartment opens into another of the same width, but only 10 feet 4 inches long, perfectly plain and unornamented, excepting perfectly plain and unornamented, excepting by the winged globe encompassed by the serpent, the emblem of eternity, which is carved over the door. Beyond this chamber, and communicating with it, are three smaller parallel to each other, of which the middle one was the Adytum. Here the walls are covered with figures and bieroglyphics, and much blackened by the lamps used in the service of the temple. The other two compartments are of the same length as the center and figure feet with a The roof will can. tre, and five feet wide. The roof still continues entire over these three chambers, which are lower than the rest of the building. The temple stands due east and west.

The general description of the Oasis in which these ruins are found is thus given by a sheikh called Ismael:

" From him we learnt that this El Ouah is composed of twelve villages, of which ten are within five or six miles of each other; the remaining two much further off at the entrance of the plain, so that they are in fact scarcely looked upon as belonging to this division. Bellata, where we had made our first halt, is one of these last mentioned: the other, named Tenida, is uninhabited, and to the south of Ballata. the south of Bellata.

"In the part we now were, are Aboudak-lough; El Cazar which we had visited; Moushie, to the west; Gedidi, to the south-west; and Gelamoon, in the same direction, but more distant. This latter place, together with El Cazar, are considered the two of most consequence in the district. To the south is first Rashdie, and beyond it Moot; to the south-east are Endough and El Masara; and still more to the eastward, Hisment; besides these there are several encloment; besides these there are several enclo-sures, well wooded with palm-trees, contain-ing springs, but the cultivators and proprie-tors reside in the neighbouring villages.

"The climate is extremely variable in winter. Sometimes the rains are very abundant, and fall in torrents, as appears from the furrows in the rocks; but this season there had been none at all, and the total want of dew at this period sufficiently proves the excessive dryness of the atmosphere. Violent winds are very prevalent, and the kamsin, (SW.) which is with justice called the seourge of the desert, frequently blows in the months of May and June. The plague is quite unknown, but, during the summer when the heat is intense, fevers and agues are very general, which the sheihk attributed to the immoderate use of dates. This may be one of the causes, but what I should imagine conduces also to the insalubrity of that season "The climate is extremely variable in win workmanship, and not without elegance, as though so imperfect.

There being nothing to detain us here, immederate use of dates. This may be one of the causes, but what I should imagine door-way was choked up by the sand, we conduces also to the insalubrity of that season usis, that the springs are all strongly impreguately set about clearing the interior of the sately set about clearing the interior of the larger; but after three or four hours, finding that our labours would be fruitless, we until it has been left to cool in an earthen very simple in its operations.

Oasis Magna and [Oasis] Parva, for instance, desisted, and proceeded to measure every jar, when it becomes more palatable. These springs never fail or vary at any season of agots, yet many authors speak of them as if there were but one in cach, and among others long, by 24 feet 8 inches wide. In front is a natives, as their very existence depends upon portico of eight columns; three only are them, there being no wells that I could ob-

"The soil is a very light red earth, fertilized entirely by irrigation, the water being conducted in small channels through the arable land. The principal produce is corn, chiefly barley and rice. The former is sown in October and November, and reaped in March or April. The crup of rice succeeds, but not on the same ground and requires. but not on the same ground, and requires constant moisture. Dates are an article of commerce with Egypt, and we often met caravans conveying them; lemons and citrons are also very plentiful in the gardens.

are also very plentiful in the gardens.

"The inhabitants are Bedouins, I believe of the same horde as our guides; like them, they acknowledge the sovereignty of the Pasha, who has succeeded in reducing them to a state of complete subordination. As a proof of this, their tribute, which is paid in kind, not only varies every year, according to his caprice, as they affirm, but four or five soldiers are now sufficient for levying it, whereas four hundred were necessary for that purpose when they first came under his dominion. dominion.

"Ismael informed us, that there was no thoroughfare through this Oasis, and that he was not aware of the existence of any other inhabited tract beyond to the westward. Some Arahs had lately endeavoured to ex-plore in that direction, but at the end of three plore in that direction, but at the end of three days had met with so terrible a whirlwind, as to prevent their proceeding. He understood, however, that there was one towards the north, and that, some years before, a man, having lost his way in the desert, by chance found himself there, from whomse he was sea days returning; but that the route, never having been since followed, continued un-

"The people here are much exposed to the incursions of the Mograbin or Barbary Arabs, and occasionally suffer much from their depredations. Three years ago, a band of four hundred made an irruption, and after a severe contest, in which many lives were lost, re-tired, carrying off much booty. It is thirty days'march to Tripoli, reckoning ten hours to

"Lions and tigers (hyænas?) are not un-common in this district, but there are no ostriches; neither could we gain any infor-mation respecting the serpent of incredible magnitude, called Toghan, which Edrissi af-firms is only found in the El Ouahat.

"The sheihk assured us there was no record of any Frank ever having visited this Oasis before, but that he knew the English perfectly by reputation, and esteemed them highly. From his declaration, added to the negative testimony of their being neither written or traditional information respecting this region, we had the great satisfaction of being fully convinced that we were the first Europeans who had reached it in modern times."

This long extract comprehends all the in-formation turnished respecting the Western Oasis, as our countrymen immediately re-turned to Bellata,* and thence retraced their

[.] At Bellata there is an indigo manufacture,

steps to the Nile by a course almost directly east, crossing and exploring several places in the Great Oasis near its northern extremity. The route from Bellata is thus composed:
1st day, by Tenida, 10 hours; 2d day, 11 hours, to En Amour (a well;) 3dday, 10 hours, to the edge of the Great Oasis; 4th day, 4 hours, to El Cargé in that Oasis; thene excursions to Genau, Cazar El Goetta, and Cazar El Zian; and then from El Cargé, in four days, across the desert to Fairshout on the Nile, employing successfully, 11, 12, 12, and 9 hours.

In their first stage from Bellata, the travellers met M. Drovetti, who had visited the nearer Oasis, and was on his way to the farther, which they were leaving, with the in-tention of penetrating into the more northern or Oasis Parva. He, however, found this impracticable.

At El or En-amour there is a dilapidated temple of great antiquity, with figures and hieroglyphics roughly executed. The ruins of El Carge, a necropolis, or mummy town, and the temples at Goetta and Zian, are also extremely curious as well as important anti-quities. On the last in particular there is a Greek inscription, of which the following is the translation:

"To Amenebis the Great God of Tchonemyris, and the other Gods of the Temple. for the perpetual preservation of Antoninus Cæsar our Lord and his whole house: the cell of the temple and the vestibule were repaired and renewed, under Avidius Heliodorus, governor of Egypt, Septimius Macrobeing commander in chief, and Pllnius Capito general of the forces, in the third year of the emperor Cassar Titus Elius Adrianus Antonius Augustus, the Pious. Mesore the interestications of the contraction of the contr

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"Of the God Amenebis, (adds our author)
I am not aware that any mention is made
elsewhere; but that is no objection to the correctness of this reading, as the Pantheon of Egypt seems to be inexhaustible, and names of Deities, unheard of before, are still not un frequently found in inscriptions. Tchonemyris would appear to be the name of the place, but is not noticed by ancient geographers."

The remains at El Cargé are also very beautiful and interesting; it is especially

"To the east of the temple are three de tached door-ways, at different intervals, and of different proportions; but as they do not resemble the propyla that are usual in other parts of Egypt, I am induced to think that this edifice was surrounded by a triple wall, in the same way that Diodorus tells us the The first, or nearest, is a solid door-way 18 feet from the main building, with figures all round it; and, among others on the inside, is a representation of Osiris at a banquet, of colossal proportion. This is, I believe, not uncommon, and is again found on the west front. On the roof are five spread eagles, sometimes called the Birds of Pharaoh, painted, of which red and blue are the principal colours.

The second, which is at some distance in the same direction, but not in a straight line, is materially higher than even the temple itself. Half only is standing, and has a few figures carved in relief within. There are the remains of brick-work strangely placed on the top. As it would be too high or any purposes of defence, it may not im-

probably have been the residence of one of the Stelite hermits, of which many traces remain. At Athens, one of these aerial mansions is still in existence on the top of the magnificent Corinthian columns called the Temple of Japiter Olympius.

"The last of these propyla is low and im-perfect: the east end is completely covered with a Greek inscription."

The Greek inscriptions are long public decrees of the period of Galba, &c.; but we think our readers will be more pleased with the account of the city of the dead than with their translation.

- · · "It contains apparently not fewer than brick, ranged without attention to regularity and of various sizes and shapes. The greater number of them however are square, sur mounted by a dome, similar to the small mosques erected over Shehks' tombs, having he most part a corridor running round which produces an ornamental effect very striking at a distance, and gives them a nearer resemblance to Roman, than to any existing specimen of Greek or Egyptian ary chitecture. Some few are larger than the rest; one in particular is divided into aisles, like our churches; and that it had been used as such, by the early Christians, is clearly evinced by the traces of saints painted on the wall. Many have Coptic or perhaps Greek inscriptions, but written in a hand not legible, and a few Arabic. In all we entered tegine, and the celebrated there is the Greek cross, and the celebrated Egyptian hicroglyphic, the Crux Ansata, which originally signifying life, would appear to be adapted as a Christian emblem either from its similarity to the shape of the cross or from its being considered the symbol of a state of future existence. But the great pe-culiarity is a large square hole in the centre

* The following, however, is worth preserving to show that the principle of civil law on which our Insolvent Court is formed, was hun practised eighteen hundred years ago, thoughow so loudly condemued. "I am determine (says the ruler of Egypt) rather to follow th established custom of former governors than to imitate the occasional injustice of any individual. imitate the occasional injustice of any individual. For some persons, under the pretence of a public demand, and having made over the debts of others, have thrown several such defendants into the debtor's prison, and into other places of confinement, which for this very reason I have thought proper to suppress, in order that money lent may be recovered from the property and not from the persons of the debtors: following herein the will of the Imperial Deity." - - The following is also worthy of notice: - "Many persons have thought proper rather to remain deprived of their just possessions, having spent more than their value, from the custom of bringing the same actions before every court of enquiry; and I make the same decree respecting private acsame actions before every court of enquiry; and I make the same decree respecting private actions: that if any thing has been tried and disnissed, or shall be dismissed, by the judge appointed to try private causes, it shall no longer be lawful for the plaintiff to renew his suit, or to try the cause again: and whoever acts to the contrary, shall be fined without excuse; for there will be no end of informations, if causes which have been dismissed are brought forward again continually, until the culprit be condemned; and the city having already become almost uninhabited, on account of the multitude of informers, and every family being disturbed by them, I perandevery family being disturbed by them, I perand every family being disturbed by them, I per-emptorily command, that if any one brings an action on his own account, and gives an informa-tion upon suspicion, in conjunction with another, tion upon suspicion, in conjunction with another, he must bring forward the person from whom the information is obtained, in order that this person may not be exempt from responsibility."

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"It is therefore obvious that these by ings formed a cemetery to the town which stood near or about the temple of El Carri and were subsequently used for sacred pur-poses by the Christian inhabitants, or at a poses by the Christian interest to them the period, as places of retreat to them when persecuted by the Mohammedans.

'I should imagine these sepulchres to be

of Roman construction at an early period since it is generally believed that the practice of embalming was gradually discontinued in Egypt after the extension of Christianity; but among the various receptacles for the pyramid to the rudest cavern, I know of none existing or recorded, at all corresponding with them in shape and appearance. Considering them therefore as highly curion from their structure, as well as unique of their kind, I sincerely hope that any future traveller who may come here, will particularly direct his attention to them, and that more-over he will be able to do what we could no, make faithful transcripts of the inscription."

Sir A. E. bestows a curious inquiry into the opinions of ancient authors, of Arabia writers, and of modern authorities, into the general relations concerning the Oases; and general relations concerning the Osses; and we are sorry that we can only find room to refer to this investigation from Herodotm, Strabo, Pliny, and Ptolemy, through Abal-feda, Edrissi, &c. to Hartmann and Belson. The Great Oasis appears to be that against which the memorable expedition of Cambyss proceeded; and all these places seem to have been known to the Romans, by whom they were used as the Siberia or Botany Bay of our times for the banishment of offenders against the State. The Poet Juvenal was the first celebrated person so sentenced, for a satire displeasing to the Emperor Domitian. The famous Heresiarch Nestorius. (A.D. 436) was another exile to the Oasis.

We have only to add, that we entertain considerable doubts as to the propriety of calling that a Banquet of Osiris at El Carge, which the author so denominates, but which we suppose to be an offering, or sacrifice. Several lithographic Prints and a slight Map tend to illustrate this book, of which we re

peat our warm approbation.

Nigel; or, The Crown Jewels. A Play, in Five Act. London 1823.

In our criticism upon this piece as acted, we expressed an opinion that it fell far too short of its model, the olden comedy, to come fairly into comparison with the esteemed emanitions of superior intellect which we understand by the reference. As a published Play, while we repeat that sentiment, we are nevertheless. bound to say that it possesses many god qualities, both positive and negative. Among the latter, we may particularly mention the absence of trickery, inflation, and toilings after artificial effect, or point in style: among the former, we may enumerate the even and natural conduct of the incidents, and not a few passages of mind and vigour in the di-logue. Of these (having under our dramatic logue. Of these (having under our dramatic head, last week, detailed the plot, &c. which absolves us from the task now.) we shall pro-ceed to offer some examples to illustrate the author's talent.

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The barber! He's your master paramount!
He clips the proudest; makes the bravest bleed;
Comes, as the Gaul of old strode up the senate,
And plucks the grey patrician by the chin:
Nor death, nor mighty love, more universal:
For every throat he has his weapon bared,
And treater his thursh and forme directly. And 'twist his thumb and finger flits the breath
Of all men's nostrils : Scandalum of him Must be a premunire at the least.
His habitation, "by Paul's wharf," he says

The courtiers to and fro upon the river,
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Marg. This is not for my hearing, [thousand Skour. Yes, by my soul, it is! To that first Add thousands more, and thousands yet to those, I'm unexhausted still—nay, lend your ear— Whatever gold can buy, that woman covets, As what will gold not buy, I can bestow, Aud will, on thee: I've liv'd a life of gains, Lent at large usance-batten'd on th' estates Of prodigal great men-there's not a manor Of their inheritance, but I've my mortgage Under the surface, waiting like an earthquake, its time to swallow all! But my broad gold, All my huge heaps, lie dark as in the mine. Till the meridian of those sunny eyes Shine on the ore, and bring it forth to light.

Marg. You wrong yourself and me, Sir. Shour. Wrong you? no.

For you, L'll wrong all élse-do any thing --- safe. To please, to tempt, to buy, to bribe your love.
You shall have pageantry—a cloud of servants,
To fly before your thoughts—a glare of lights,
That shall make noon a shadow—carriages— Banquets—such couches, as the cygnet's down Where a harsh type of. There are jewels, too, My eastern treasury—spoils of gorgeous queens, From their far glitt ring regions—thou shalt have them:

Pearls, like a galaxy, thick sown about thee, And starry diamonds, whose bright constellation Would make a firmament.

Marg. I'll hear no more.

Without! (calling towards the anti-chamber.)

Skour. So cold, so scornful! it may cost thee Some burning tears, if thus I quit thee, mistress ! Marg. On any terms avoid me! Skour. Be it so-

I take thee at thy word. The rock that seem'd To spring a fountain here, (striking his breast) is

clos'd again, And I'm once more myself. nd I'm once more myself. [Re-enter Bridget.]
Marg. (To her) You're well returned.— A seriv ner!

Shour. But whose riches are nobility!

I read your childish heart—read for whose sake
The goldsmith's niece disdains the untitled scriv'ner. Let her, and let the lord she donts on, pay for't; One vice, at least, of noble pedigree [geance! The low born scriv'ner feeds—the lust of ven-The language, it may be observed, is much

too elevated for the character, but it is energetic and poetical. The lady's love for and

ther (Nigel) is also prettily expressed.

Marg. (alone) If James refuse me? O, no unkind doubt

kind doubt
Shall glance its shadow on my springing hope,
That, like a sunflower, turns her to the light,
And blossoms there. Set fairly, then, soft gales,
Upon love's path to-morrow! clear the film
From the hlue eye of Heav'n, and in all bosoms
Breathe light and gentle spirits: that kind nature
May move in my appeal, and high-wrought greatRelax to favour and sweet clemency! [ness

We next copy a neat and novel simile by Nigel:

Can hold this life, Lord Nigel. Poor you are In all but your rich blood; which blood, so rich, Being indulged, doth make men to be poor; And your poor lord, like to a stately ship, Wanting the wind, that should make flush her sails, lowed for lower refer.

Vaning the want, this should make non her sains, Lies logged, for lesser craft to mock in passing. The following observation, by the same, on a scurvy jest made by a ruffian on leaving Martha with her father's corae and him, is of the same stamp:

Pestilent ribaldry, Unquenchable as the Greek fire, will flash Amid the very damps of death itself!
Again, Nigel (on his defence against strong

Meanwhile, then, my past life Shall be my surety: for, in lib'ral judgments, Good name is still the wearer's amulet Against crude calumny; and with a sweet And saving fragrance, like the halms o' th' East, Wards the rank breath of malice. - -

We cannot separate single lines to show how they strengthen the dialogue, but two are worth giving as axioms: the first, when a villain resolves on a desperate night enterprise, For darkness is the dawn of brave men's fortunes. (a truly brave man seeks the light:) and the

(a truly brave man seeks the light;) and the last, an advice to a lady when given in marriage after she appeared in male disguise:
When you put on the wife, put off the breeches.
With these brief notanda we must close our account of the commendables in Nigel; and we wish we had not to add any notice of an opposite kind-but we must say that a good deal of its blank verse is not verse at all, and some of it vulgar.

Bridget. - - - - I say, John,

Who was it told you of my pretty face?

Strap. Such as could little judge, be sure of that.

Come, graceless madam, find some other haunt

Than this apartment.

Bridg. Well don't madam me!

I've done no harm. Strap. That's as may be: it looks Cursedly like it.

Bridg. But, sirrah! There will be ways to pay you off; and if I don't, and soon, saving my own good credit, Say there's no spirit in woman.

[He approaches her, she screams.

Your ord'n'ry paws on me! Strap. Bubble and squeak!

But there are allusions still more obnoxions to good taste (which we will not cite:) the ancient dramatists wrote impurely, be-cause their age was not sufficiently refined to dislike the expression of immodest thoughts in plain terms; but the modera dramatist offends when he uses such language as passes between Bridget and Margaret, pages 63, 64, or as is employed by Dalgarno, p. 71, though less improper than as originally delivered. The apology, it is true, may be that the author was representing the age of James I.—we do not hold it to be satisfactory.

In the style we observe many inaccuracies, and an anomalous mixture of Scotch, calcu-

But we have done. In our critique we accidentally omitted to mention with priise Fawcett's characteristic Barber; and to insequire into the Cui Boso of Skourlie's rascally advancement of the hand of his clock in order to accelerate the forfeiture of Nigel's Bond,—a work of supererogatory roguery, as it should seem, since the payment was regulated by St. Dunstan's clock, and not by the serivener's timeplece. the scrivener's timeplece.

Periodico Trimestre, intitulado Variadades; o Men-sagero de Londres. Enero, de 1823. Ackermann.

Trus is the first Number of the Spanish Ma-gazine which we recently mentioned as among the forthcoming novelties in literature. Its principal papers are ascribed to Mr. Blanco White, and we need hardly add that they display both information and talent. A life of Bolivar, Letters on England, ancient Prorengal Poetry, and other literary and histori-cal matter, together with embellishments not sparingly taken from other sources of Acker-mann's, form an interesting miscellany, not only for the readers of Spanish in this country, but for circulation in Spain and her late colonies, especially in the latter.

Of such a publication it is not necessary to

give any specimens; but as some of readers may be amused with seeing Shake-speare in a Spanish dress, we shall transcribe Hamlet's famous soliloquy, "To be or not to be," as it appears here translated into that

language.

Ser o no ser—he aqui la grande duda. ¿ Qual es mas noble ? ¿ Presentar el pecho De la airada fortuna a las saetas, O tomar armas contra un mar de asares Y acabar de una vez ?-Morir-Dormirse-A ciste dolor del alma, al choque eterno
Rue es la herencia del hombre en est vida—
Hay mas que apetecer?—Morir—Dormirse—
[Dormir!—tal vez soñar—Aí está el daño.
Porque quien asbe los horribles sueños Que pueden azorar en el sepalcro Al infelice que se abrio camino De entre el tumulto y confusion del mundo?

De entre el tumuto y contusion del mun.
A este rezelo solo, a este quien sobs
Debe su larga vida la deagracia.
Si no ¿quien tolerára los reveses
Y las burlas del tiempo?—¿ la injusticia
Del opresor, y el ceño del soberbio?—
¿ Las ansias de un amor menospreciado?—
La dibejo de la injusticia ?—; al la la centra de la injusticia ?—; la dibejo de la injusticia ?—; la injustici ¿ La dilacion de la justicia ?—¿ el tono E insolente desden de los empleos ?— Los desayres que el merito sufrido Tiene que devorar-quando una daga Siempre está pronta a darle pasaporte Y sacarlo de afan?—¿ Quién sufria Sobre su cuello el peso que lo agovia Gimiendo, ijadeando, hora tras hora Crimerado, jadeando, nora tras nora sin ver el fin, a no ser que el rezelo.

De hallar que no concluye en el sepulero La penosa jornada—que aun se extiende A límites incognitos de donde

Nadie volvio jamas—confunde al alma

Y hace que sufra males conocidos

De no excessor a la que no conocido Por no arrojarse a los que no conoce ? Esta vos interior, esta conciencia and an anomalous mixture of Scotch, calculated to corrupt the English language, "I mind" and "I'm thinking," are but types of this blemish; and what shall we say of the following?

Syrep, Will you say

[where's not, e'en now, a hidden petticoat some-Nigel. There's not, I vow—no petticoat at all.

Yes evaporan on proyector vanos. Nos hace ser cobardes: ella roba

MARAGO'S (FREYCINET'S) VOYAGE.

As we have only allowed two short Papers to this Quarto, we are in hopes that another turn will not be thought too much. In concloding our last, we spoke of M. Arago's skill as a draughtsman. In this respect he is really clever, and his drawings of native scenes and people, the most striking seen by him, impart the chief value to his work. They are executed with a skilful and facile hand; and present, in their engraved state, a number of remarkable objects to the eye. It would hardly be consistent with our plan to give an exemplification of this, by copying one of his portraits, (because, though we like to illustrate, we are afraid of being converted into a picture-book;) but we are tempted to exhibit, in wood, a curious specimen of the literature of the Caroline Islanders. The following quotations may introduce the sub-

ject :
"The inhabitants of the Carolines have no characteristic physiognomy: each individual differs from all the rest; every thing varies in them, even the colour of their skin; generally, however, their features express goodness, and inspire you with confidence. They smile with such grace that they appear like amise with such grace that they appear like great children, to whom every novelty is an amusement. They are supple and active, swim like fish, and keep their head almost always under water, which is much less fatiguing to them than it would be to us. The es of the chiefs are tattooed in a very

elegant manner, but the operation must have caused them a great deal of suffering; the heads, hands, and feet, however, are ex-

46 All the natives of the Carolines have their ears pierced, and they enlarge the hole with a fish-bone; but as, from their earliest infancy, they wear considerable weights sus-pended in them, the cartilage at times descends as low as the shoulder: Buffon sup poses, that, wearing no clothes, they used this method to preserve their most valuable effects. It was necessary for me to see this before I was convinced of its truth. All the presents which we made the Carolinians, of nails, small knives, and fish-hooks, (and these objects possess great value in their estimation,) they put into the holes of their ears, tying them with a knot or two to keep them fast. - - - All the inhabitants have very black hair, which, being constantly rubbed with lemon-juice, acquires a lustre that our co-quettes would no doubt appreciate very highly. - I have before told you of the intelligence of these people, so little removed from a state of nature. I shall now give you an example. It is a copy of one of their letters, written to M. Martinez, at Rotta, who had commissioned a Tamor of Sathonal to send him some shells. promising him in exchange a few pieces of iron. The Captain gave him the sheet of paper. Here is the letter; the original is in my possession, and is in red characters, of which the following is an accurate fac-simile.

that, with weapons apparently so little for-midable as those of the savages of this part of New Holland, battles would not be very fatal, and quarrels soon appeared. But in this we should be strangely mistaken; for here a single combat never ends but with the death of one of the antagonists, and general engagements conclude with the total extermination of one of the parties.

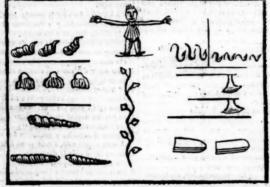
"The grounds of hostility are in general the theft of a beast of prey, or some other object of little value; or still more frequently the culpable want of prudence in European who give the savages, in exchange for the skips of screents or other animals, a few be tles of spirits, that produce a surprising effect

on these poor creatures.

"Scarcely do the intoxicating fumes get into their heads, when they breathe nothing but battle, and shout forth their war cries. Impatient for murder, they seek antagonists, provoke them by ferocious songs, and de-mand death in the hope of inflicting it. They find but too readily the opportunities they provoke; and their war-whoop is answered by whoopings not less terrible. Then the combatants, drawn up in two lines, perhaps twenty steps from each other, threaten ma-tually with their long and pointed spears, launch them at their adversaries with wonderful strength and dexterity, and finally attack each other with ponderons and formidable clubs. Limbs are fractured, bones smashed, skulls laid open: no exclamation of pain escapes from these ferocious brutes: the air resounds only with frightful vociferations. He who falls without having found a victim, dies rather of despair, than from the hurts he has received; and the warrior who has laid low a few enemies, soon expires without regretting the loss of life."

Our author indulges in some reflections against the English, for not checking these disorders: those who know the great and unceasing exertions of our country, to carry amelioration into every quarter of the globe, must feel the falsehood and injustice of the imputation. His book is amusing, but has little useful information, and is disgraced by what we shall only call French frivolity and

licentiousness.



The figure at the top of the letter was placed there as the bearer of compliments; the marks in the column on the left hand, indicate the sort of shells the Carolinian sent to M. Martinez. In the column on the right, are placed the objects which he desired in exchange, viz. three large fishing-hooks, four small ones, two pieces of iron of the shape of axes, and ieces a little longer."

two pieces a little longer."

This curiously-expressed request was gratified, and many handsome shells obtained in

Of the Sandwich Islands it is stated,

"The punishment of death is inflicted here in various ways; and as if suffering was rein various ways; and as if suffering was re-garded as nothing, they begin by subjecting the criminal to a forty-eight hours' fast. This wholly differs from the system of the Brasi-lian tribes, who, previous to punishing, in-dulge their prisoners of war with every pleasure which can make them regret the loss of life. Here, as soon as the two days' fast is terminated, they conduct the criminal, bound, to a morai, at the door of which the

high-priest is in waiting for him, and pronounces a certain formula, the meaning of which I have not been able to ascertain. Two or three persons then lay the criminal down on a piece of wood, placing his head on a stone; whilst the executioner, who is chosen indiscriminately from among the most ath-letic of the spectators, dispatches him by a violent blow on the forehead, with a club. His body is either interred immediately, or left to the birds of prey, according to the will of the priest, or the nature of the crime. "Another mode is,—the criminal is fixed

with his back to a cocoa-nut tree, and strangled by two men, who pass a cord round his neck, and draw it with great force, supporting themselves by another tree at a short distance from the first. - Very few persons attend these executions, although they are of rare occurrence. Paris is a civilized place, Owhyhee a savage island!?

The following relative to New Holland is a vivid picture of uncivilized man:

"At the first thought we might suppose,

ARTS AND SCIENCES.

Mechanics: New Peroussion Lock .- Mr. George Forrest, gunmaker, of Jedburgh in Scotland, has made an ingenious improvement on the Percussion Lock. The chief advantages of his invention are, that the sportsman, before setting out, is enabled to supply priming for eighty discharges of a double-barrelled gun; that the explosions are certain, the lock easily kept clean, and not exposed to damp; and above all, perfect security against accident by the bursting of the magazine. The priming used is the same as in Forsyth's patent, viz-3 parts oxymuriate of potash, 1 sulphur, and 1 charcoal.

Perfumes a Preventive against Mouldiness .- Dr. Mac Culloch, of Edinburgh, has published a paper in the Philosophical Transactions of that city, in which he points out that all essential oils possess the property of preventing the growth of mould. His observations are of such general stility, that we copy them into our more popularly-circulated pages for the public benefit:

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tosa Rt at cause, and to which the remedy is easily applicable. With respect to articles of food, such as bread, cold meats, or dried fish, it is less easy to apply a remedy, on account of the taste. Cloves, however, and other spices whose flavours are grateful, may sometimes be used for this end; and that they act in be used for this end; and that they act in consequence of this principle, and not by any particular antiseptic virtue, seems plain, by their preventing equally the growth of those minute cryptogamous plants on ink, and other substances not of an animal nature.

substances not of an animal nature.

"The effect of cloves in preventing the mouldinessin Ink, is indeed generally known; and it is obtained in the same way by oil of lavender, in a very minute quantity, or by any other of the perfumed oils.

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from this effect, is a matter of great impor-tance, particularly in military store-houses, where the labour employed in cleaning harness and shoes is a cause of considerable expence, and where much injury is occasionally sustained from this cause. The same essensustained from this cause. The same essential oils answer the purpose, as far as I have had an opportunity of trying effectually. The cheapest, of course, should be selected; and it would be necessary to try oil of turpentine, for this reason. The total interruption of all my pursuits has hitherto prevented me from extrained these triels as far as I intended. carrying these trials as far as I intended.

"It is a remarkable confirmation of this

circumstance, that Russian leather, which is perfumed with the tar of the birch-tree, is not subject to mouldiness, as must be well known to all who possess books thus bound. They even prevent it from taking place in those books bound in calf near to which they happen to lie. This fact is particularly well known to Russia merchants, as they suffer bales of this article to lie in the London docks in the most careless manner, for a great length of time, knowing well that they can sustain no injury of this nature from damp ness, whereas common curried leather requires to be opened, cleaned, and ventilated.
Collectors of books will not be sorry to learn,
that a few drops of any perfumed oil will ensure their libraries from this pest."

Dr. M. began some experiments with the same agents on wood, to prevent the dry rot, but not having time to carry them on, he re-commends the important investigation to others. With regard to passe, he prefers rosin to alum as a preservative; but lavender, or any other strong perfume, such as pepper-mint, anise, bergamot, are perfectly effectual for years, however the paste is composed. That which the Dr. himself employs in label-ling, &c. is "made of flour in the usual way, but rather thick, with a proportion of brown angar, and a small quantity of corrosive sub-lmate. The use of the sngar is to keep it flexible, so as to prevent its scaling off from smooth surfaces; and that of the corrosive sublimate, independently of preserving it from insects, is an effectual check against its fermentation. This salt, however, does not prevent the formation of mouldiness. But as a drop or two of the essential oils above mentioned is a complete security against this, all the causes of destruction are effectually garded against. Paste made in this manner, and exposed to the air, dries without change to a state resembling horn; so that it may at any time be wetted again, and applied to use. When kept in a close-covered pet, it may be preserved in a state for use at all times," smooth surfaces; and that of the corrosive

applicable to the preservation of seeds, par-ticularly in cases where they are sent from distant countries by sea, when it is well known that they often perish from this cause. Dampness, of course, will perform its office at any rate, if moisture is not excluded; yet at any rate, if moisture is not excluded; yet it is certain, that the growth of the vegetables which constitute mould, accelerate the evil; whether by retaining moisture, or by what means, is not very apparent. This, in fact, happens equally in the case of dry rot in wood, and indeed in all others where this cause operates. It is a curious illustration of the truth of this view of a remedy, that the aromatic seeds of all kinds are not subject to mould, and that their vicinity prevents it in others with which they are packed. They also produce the same effect daily, even in animal matters, without its being suspected. Not to repeat any thing on the subject of cookery, I need only remark, that it is common to put pepper into collections of insects or birds, without its having been remarked, that it had the same power of keeping off mould, as of discouraging or killing the ptime omnicorus, or other insects that commit ravages in these cases.

In concluding these hints, I might add in illustration of them, that gingerbread and bread containing carraway-seeds is far less liable to mouldiness than plain bread. It will be a matter worthy of consideration; how far flour might be preserved by some project of this kind."

We cannot conclude these extracts without expressing our thanks to Dr. MacCulloch, and to all philosophical inquirers, who thus turn their scientific acquirements to subjects of great practical utility in the common concerns

Scientific and Literary Travels. — Professor Nevi has been employed by the Emperor of Russia to make researches in the steppes of Independent Tartary, and to examine the course of the Oxns, and the towns of Balk and Sarmacand. The expedition will extend perhaps as far as the Lake Saisan. Ambassadors have been previously sent to prepare the way in these countries, which are so little

the way in these countries, which are so little known; and there is reason to think, that at least much geographical knowledge will result from the expedition.

That public-spirited nobleman Count Romanzoff, who fitted out at his own expense the expedition under Kotzebue for circumnavigating the globe, has sent out travellers to cross the ice from the eastern coast of Asia to the western coast of America.

Professor Rask, of Copenhagen, the Grammar, has been for some time studying Sanscrit at St. Petersburg, with the view of

Kings known with honour to posterity far Kings known with honour to posterity far beyond the fame of victories or conquests. We therefore abstain from praise;—it is its own culogy. We have only to add, that a numerous Meeting (sixteen) of the Trastees of the British Museum was held upon the anbject of the disposition of this princely Gift last Monday, at which the question was adjourned for further consideration. Upon this issue will depend the advice for incorporation with the National Library, or for a separate Establishment under the same direction.

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Dear Lord Liverpool,
The King my late revered and excellent
Father having formed, during a long series of
years, a most valuable and extensive Library, consisting of about One hundred and twenty thousand
Volumes, I have resolved to present this Collection to the British Nation.

Whilst I have the satisfaction by this means of
advancing the Literature of my Country, I also
feel that I am paying a just tribute to the memory
of a Parent, whose life was adorned with every
public and private virtue.

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I desire to add, that I have great pleasure, My Lord, in making this communication through you. Believe me, with great regard, Your sincere Friend, (Signed)

G. R.

(Signed)

Pavilion, Brighton, Jan. 15, 1823.

The Lord of Liverpool, K.G., &c. &c. &c.

The Royal Library in Paris contained in 1791 only 150,000 volumes; it new contains above 450,000. In 1783 it contained only 2700 portfolios of engravings; it now con-tains 5700. Its annual increase consists of 6000 French and 3000 foreign works; so that there is reason to believe that in fifty years the literary and scientific riches of this mag-nificent establishment will be doubled.

Oxford, Jan. 25 .- On Wednesday last the

following Degrees were conferred:—
Bachelor in Civil Law.—J. W. Knapp, Fellow of
St. John's College.

St. John's College,

Masters of Arts.—G. F. Thomas, Scholar of
Worcester College; R. W. Jelf, Fellow of Oriel
College; F. Bryans, St. Edmund Hall; J. Wrottesley, Esq. Christ Church; Havilland Durand,
Scholar of Pembroke College,
Bachelors of Arts.—Evelyn Bazalgette, Balliol
College; J. Huwthe, Resempers College

College; J. Huyshe, Brasennose College.
CAMBRIDGE, Jun. 24.—Saturday last, being
Bachelors of Arts' Commencement, the following 213 gentlemen were admitted to that

degree:
Messrs. Chapman, Hume, and Maturin, King's
College.—Messrs. Airy, Allon, Andrew, Boileau,
Buckle, Childers, Claridge, Drinkwater, Egremons,
Field, Hanbury, Head, Howlett, Iliff, Kempson,
Lloyd, Menteath, Methold, Moultrie, Myers, Parke, of the small quantity of corrosive substitute. The use of the sngar is to keep it lexible, so as to prevent its scaling off from mooth surfaces; and that of the corrosive mobilimate, independently of preserving it from insects, is an effectual check against its from insects, is an effectual check against its from entioned in a complete security against this, although a drop or two of the essential oils above resultioned is a complete security against this, althus causes of destruction are effectually grarded against. Paste made in this manner, and exposed to the air, dries without change to a state resembling horn; so that it may thus be wetted again, and applied to may the preserved in a state for use at all may be preserved in a state for use at all may be preserved in a state for use at all may be preserved in a state for use at all may be preserved. This principle seems also house, Chaplin, Dudley, Firmin, Fosbrooke, Pixell, Punnett, Semple and Wing, Clare Hall.—Messrs. Blake, Brindley, Carlyon, Cheales, Currie, Doughty, Jordan, Simpsen and Williams, Pembroke Hall.—Messrs. Ayre, Beauclerk, Borton, Coffin, Gray, Herring, Lewis and Salmon, Caius Coll.—Messrs. Beevor, Brett, Chesnutt, Dicken, Gay, Gillham, Jeckell, Leapingwell, Mack, Marsh, Moxon and Stewart, Corpus Christi College.—Messrs. Clowes, Gurney, Marshall, Mason, Moverley, Mudge, Nicholls, Piper, Sandys and Webster, Queen's Coll. Messrs. Green, Hildyard, Knight, Poole, Richardson, Rusby, Serjeantson, Taylor, E. Wilson and T. Wilson, Catharine Hall.—Messrs. Bedell, Beevor, Carless and Maude, Jesus College.—Messrs. T. Wilson, Catharine Hall.—Messrs. Bedell, Becor, Carless and Maude, Jesus College.—Messrs.
Barker, Colls, Cubitt, Dod, Dorington, Foxton,
Goggs, Hallen, Heigham, Kerrich, King, Mayson,
Miller, Oxenden, Palling, Pocklington, Rus-ell
and Stoddart, Christ College.—Messrs. Bagshawe,
Hicks, Maddy and Waring, Magdalene College.—
Messrs. Blakiston, Cory, Dwarris, Foley, Gore,
Harper, Hopkins, Osborne, Pigots, Thorold and
Wilson, Emanuel Coll.—Messrs. Heigham, Hine and Johnson, Sidney Sussex College,-Messrs. Gurdon and Parker, Downing College,

Jan. 27.—Dr. Smith's Prizes to the two

best proficients in Mathematics and Natural Philosophy among the commencing Bachelors of Arts, were this day adjudged to Messrs. G. Biddell Alry, of Trinity College, and C. Jeffreys, of St. John's College.

The subject of the Seatonian Prize Poem

The subject of the Seatoman Prize Poem for the present year is—Cornelius.

At a congregation on Wednesday, the following gentlemen were admitted to Degrees:

Masters of Arts.—Rev. T. Airey and Rev. F. D.

Lempriere, of Trinity College.

Bachdors of Arts.—J. Sumner, of Trinity Coll.

and A. Fielding, of Corpus Christi College.

LITERARY ANECDOTES.

In a book recently published by M. Barbier, the late librarian to the King's private library, and to the library of the Council of State at Paris,) called A Dictionary of anonymous and erroneously-attributed Works in French and Latin, are a number of curious anecdotes; a few of which we subjoin:

A good-natured censor of the press having red a translation of the Koran, put his Imprimater, "that he saw nothing in it hostile to Christianity or good morals."

Louis XIV. once condescended to assume

the functions of a censor. It is true that it was on the merits of a book of Madame de Maintenon's, called "L'Esprit de l'institut des filles de Saint-Louis" (the ladies of Saint-Cyr.) The royal approbation is ex-pressed in singularly suitable terms, viz. "I have read this treatise, which perfectly ex-plains the intentions I entertained in found-ing the Malson de Saint-Louis. I heartily

pray to God that the ladies will never depart from them. (Signed) Lours."

About the year 1673, a young man of the name of Charles le Petit was detected printing profane and licentious songs. He was tried, and although he had powerful protec-tors, he was actually burnt in the Place de

tors, he was actually burnt in the Place de Grève. In this tragical event Boilean could see only a subject for the following lines: "A la fin, tous tes jeux que l'athéisme élève, Conduisent tristement le plaisant à la Grève." Odd Titles of Books.—"An Essay on the Na-tural History of various Kinds of Monks, described according to the system of Lindescribed according to the system of Lin-news."—"An Eulogium or Something, dedi-cated to Somebody."—"A Panegyric on Nothing, dedicated to Nobody, with a post-tion on the shore.

face; third edition, little revised, not at all corrected, and augmented with numerous Non-entities."—"Verses in Praise of Minetto Battoni, the Pope's Cat, his Holiness's Companion, and the first Soprano of his little Concerts."-" Cataracts of the Imagination, Deluge of Scribomania, Literary Vomit, Encyclopedic Hemorrhage, Monster of Monsters, &c."—"Songs, which ought never to have been printed."

PINE ARTS.

THE state of our foggy atmosphere has been so hostile to the view of Pictorial Exhibitions, that though we have frequently visited, we shall not attempt to continue our cri-ticism on either the British Gallery or on Cooke's Drawings, &c. We had one sunny glimpse at each on Tuesday, and can only repeat that we found both very attractive.

SIR JOHN LEICESTER'S GALLERY.

WE learn with much pleasure that Sir John Leicester proposes to open his Gallery again in Spring. Whenever we speak of the pro-gress of our Native School of Arts, our thoughts revert to this gentleman as their great and judicious patron, to whose impulse much of their improvement may be traced.

Illustrations of the Loves of the Angels. Engraved by C. Heath, from Designs by R. Westall, R.A.

THE publication of such finely executed Engravings as these, so speedily after that of Mr. Moore's Poem, completely refutes the adage, "the more haste the worse speed." Besides a vignette frontispiece, there are three subjects from the several stories, all done on steel, and in a highly finished style. The vignette is a soft and elegant representation of woody scenery, with the human love of the third Angel appearing in the distance, shedding light

From a clear lamp which as it blazed Across the brow of one, who raised

The flame aloft, &c.

The gradations from light to shadow are happily expressed, and the only fault we have to find is that the female figure strikes the eye rather as descending from air than as treading the earth.

The first illustration is charmingly ma-naged, and does equal honour to Mr. Westall and Mr. Heath. It is from the following

While thus I spoke, the fearful maid, Of me and of herself afraid,

Had shrinking stood. The attitudes of the two figures are delightfully conceived—the female face exquisite— and the draping, foliage, and ensemble, well imagined by the painter, and sweetly pre-served by this new medium of art.

The appearance of the second Angel on the shrine (engraved by E. Portbury) also displays the capabilities of the steel, but is not, as a design, so entirely to our taste. The celestial figure has not that grand ideal grace with which the Fancy clothes it; and neither the right-lined altar, nor the worshipping form (especially from the waist downwards) are in a style to extort enthu-siastic admiration. Still it is a sweet picture.

He saw upon the golden sand Of the sea-shore a maiden stand

is the third and last of these plates. The Angel is reclining on a cloud, the mortal Being standing erect in a posture of devo-

We have never beheld a more delicio personation of touching sentiment than in the latter: it is one of Mr. Westall's purest imaginings, and worthy of the gaze with which the heavenly visitant regards it. In the execall the heavenry visitant regards it. In the exe-cutive part of this design great powers are manifest—the sea, eky, and small portion of landscape, are all alike forcibly, yet pleasingly given. It is calculated, we think, to confirm the favourable opinion of Engraving on Steel, where that metal can be employed advantageously in other respects.

Views of Picturesque and Ancient Buildings in France. Drawn on Stone by Ward. No. I. London. Chater & Co.

WE rejoice to see the art of lithography become so generally and so usefully employed. Its application to the representation of old buildings, rains, and time-worn antiquities, are among the purposes for which it is best fitted. The softness of its touch gives the mouldering forms of these structures with great fidelity; and preserves their tone and character even more correctly than the sharp touches of steel or copper, unless most skil-fully, and in consequence very expensively executed.

We have here four Views :- 1. The Commandery of a Temple at Crespy. 2. Sub-terranean Hall in the Priory of Pierre-Fonts. 3. Gothic Tomb at St. Jean en Bois. And, 4. Célestins de St. Pierre in the Forest of Compiegné. They are all interesting subjects, and well treated with regard to the picturesque. The Hall is the least successfully finished; and we would recommend greater attention to the clearness of the drawings, as in this instance there is something of blurring, which renders objects indistinct; and there is no part, of such a piece as the rich Gothic tomb, which it is not desirable to examine minutely in detail,

Views in Switzerland. Lithography by Aglio. No. II. Chater & Co.

Or the first Number of this work we spoke in terms of general approbation. The four Views in the present Number are not only as cleverly done, but more striking in them-selves. Two of them represent the Fairies' Grotto in the Canton of Vand; and the last is an excellent print of the Castle of Prangins on the Lake of Geneva. The whole are pretty and pleasing ornaments for the port-folio.

The Works of Antonio Canova. Engraved in Outline by Henry Moses. Part II, London.

Or the first Part of this work we also spoke with praise. Mr. Moses' slight outlines convey a complete idea of Canova's aculpture. The Graces (Plate II.) are however taken in a bad point of view, as the pedestal cuts awkwardly down the limb of one of the figures, and seems (where there is no per-spective) to divide the ankle into a stripe. The Offering of the Trojan Matrons is highly classical,—the figures diversified, and the whole well expressed.—Monument of G. Volpato is a simple bust of the artist's estermed friend, and an eminent engraver. A wreath of flowers is thrown over it, not in the best taste; while a sweet female form of Friendship is seated, mourging for the dead. The composition is elegant.—A Cinerary Vase of the Countess Diede de Fürstenheim is also elegant, but does not display much imagination: our own Flaxman would have made a very superior thing of it.-The last engraving is a

noble antique-looking Bust, inscribed Beatrice, and an ideal design of the Beauty immurtalized by Dante. It is really as if the lips were opening to express

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Con angelica voce in aus favella,"—
the beautiful sentiments put into them by the
Poet. We admire this Bust very much; and
are well pleased to add, that the Descriptions
in this Number are a little less sentimentally
fine than those in its predecessor.

The French critics speak highly of four pictures at Paris, from the pencil of M. Ducis, representing the Fine Arts, viz. Poetry, Painting, Sculpture, and Music, under the dominion of Love. The subject of the first picture is Tasso reading to the Princess Leonora the Episode of Olindus and Sophronia, in order to intimate to her his own passion. The accond represents Vandyke, when a youth, consulting a lovely girl, of whom he is enamoured, on the composition of a picture which he has just commenced. In the third picture the unhappy Properia de Rossi, a celebrated female sculptor of Bologna in the sixteenth century, who died the victim of despised love, is depicted exhibiting a bas-relief (from her own chisel) of the Abandonment of Arladue to a Roman Knight, who regards both her grief and her performance without emotion. Mary, Queen of Scots, in her Palace at Holyrood, playing on the harpsichord the touching air of "Adieu to France," composed for her by Rizzio, who accompanies her on the theorbo, forms the subject of the fourth and last of these productions.

ORIGINAL POETRY.

MEDALLION WAFERS.

HEAD OF TYRTÆUS.
Glorious Bard! whose lyre was heard Amid the armed ring, As victory were upon each word And death on every string— Glorious Bard! to whom belong Wreaths not often claimed by song, Those hung round the warrior's shield-Laurels from the blood-red field. The soldier cowered beneath his tent, His sword all rust, his bow unbent; His comrades, who had dared to die, Unburied on the plain, And, jeered by mocking foemen nigh, He dared not taunt again.
The Bard took up his burning song;
Each heart beat high, each arm grew strong: He told them of the curse and shame That darken round the coward's name; Told how the mother's cheek would burn To hear her son had fled, How the young maiden's smile would turn To tears, should it be said,— "The war strength of thy lover's brand Is weaker than thine own fair hand; And proudly rung his harp while telling The fallen warrior's fame, When trumpet, about, and song are swelling All glorious with his name. It was enough,—each aword was out, The mountains trembled in the shout Of men prepared like men to die For Sparta and for victory!

I know not of thy history, thou sad
Yet beautiful faced Girl:—the cheanut braid
Bound darkly round thy forehead, the blue veins
Wandering in azure light, the ivory chin

Dimpled so archly, have no characters
Graven by memory; but thy pale cheek,
Like a white rose on which the sun hath looked
Too wildly warm, (is not this passion's legend?)
The drooping lid whose lash is bright with tears,
A lip which has the sweetness of a smile
But not its gaiety—do not these bear
The scorched footprints sorrow leaves in passing
O'er the clear brow of youth?—It may but be
An idle thought, but I have dreamed thou wert
A captive in thy hopelessness: afar
From the sweet home of thy young infancy,
Whose image unto thee is as a dream
Of fire and alaughter, I can see thee wasting,
Sick for thy native air, loathing the light
And cheerfulness of men; thyself the last
Of all thy house, a stranger and a slave!

A Youth, with a Lyre in his hand, kneeling to a Female half surning to him, as in the act of reconciliation.

Yes! I have sinned 'gainst love and thee; Both heart and harp have been untrue: I cannot deem how they could be Wakened by any one but you!

But my harp in the sunshine hung, And I was proud to wake the strings, And other hands than thine have flung Flowers and laurel offerings.

Too dear I prised those flatteries, And bowed me at an idol's shrine, And breathed in vanity the sighs. Which should have been thine, only thine.

I pray thee pardon, for the sake
Of my so long devoted strain;
I pray thee pardon me, and take
Thy truant to thy heart again!

HERCULES AND TOLE.

She held the cup; and he the while Sat gazing on her playful smile, As all the wine he wished to sip Was one kiss from her rosebud lip. Half leaning to him, half withdrawn, Like one above the waters bending, And blushing like the maiden dawn
Before the bridegroom sun's ascending—
The head a little turned aside, Downcast the eyes, as if to hide Beneath their black fringe, shadowy dim, The glance which yet would steal to him— Her hero love, long stood, And the dark Chief had washed the blood From his red hands, and thrown away His arms, which there all useless lay, As every trophy that he sought, By time and tool and danger bought, Were won in winning woman's sigh— One glance from her bewildering eye. His arms are round the graceful shape As if he feared it could escape, Guarding like life what is so dear-All this is love's delicious fear-And yet delaying ere he presses That lip so soft, that cheek so bright, As the the joy of those caresses Would, like the burst of sudden light, Be too much happiness. - - . There were Warfare and danger, toil and care, Even from earliest infancy, Hero of sorrows! marked for thee; But can they countervail the bliss That lightens o'er an hour like this?

LOVE SLEEPING BENEATH A PALM-TREE, Ab, this is ours! that gentle Love Sleeping beneath the palm-tree's shade, Weaving the white wings of the dove, His bow, unbent, beside him laid, Give me the Love that will not change,
The aught and all were changed beside;
The Love that nothing can estrange,
Whate'er of weal or woe betide;
Fixed in one faith, vowed to one vow,
Thro' every chance and change of ill,
Bearing with all Love meets below
Of sorrow, yet devoted still!
It may have wings, but they must be
Of colours in all lights the same,
Like the moth's, hovering constantly,
Even to death, around one flame.
A star that shines forth night and day,
A wreath of apring and winter flowers,
Emblem true love. And I may say,
Mny I not, dear!—" Such love is ours?"

In our our last, the title should not have been the Cadet, but the Cadets.

BIOGRAPHY.

UNDER this title, time only allows us to mention the death of a very celebrated lady: we allude to Mrs. Anne Radeliffe, who died at Pimlico yesterday morning. She had been indisposed for about a mouth with a violent cold, which terminated in inflammation, and took from this life the much-admired author of the Mysteries of Udolpho, and other-works of imagination and genius almost equally popular. Among the female ornaments of English literature she will long held one of the highest places; and be remembered as near the head of a School which has been the source of very general sympathy and delight. Mrs. R. was, we believe, between fifty and sixty years of age.

SECTORES OF SOCIETY.

THE DEATH OF LOUISA BRACHMANN,*
By Mr. Milliner,

By Mr. Midber.

The Sappho-like death of Lousta Brachmann is unfortunately confirmed; her body has been found on the bank of the river Saale, in the neighbourhood of Glebichenstein, mear the place called Matthisonsruh. It is probable, however, that not the old Castle of Glebichenstein, but the Jägerberg, close to Halle, was her Leucadian promontory.

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In the course of last year she left Welssenfels, as the declared bride of a young man who had more genins than riches. She travelled with him to Vienna, and came back without him; but this separation did not seem to have had any bad effect upon her mind. On the contrary, for some time after her return, I thought her more sensible and more witty than ever. Only the periods of illusion in love, asually darkened her internal light; the moments when the illusion was dispelled were the lucid intervals of her life, in which she felt herself the happiest, in strict con-

[•] The Poetess whose writings have long been most gallantly celebrated by her admiring contemporaries, who gave her the name of the German Sappho: the influence of a mane may perhaps be perceived in the deplotable manner of her death.—Ed.

ormity with the promise of Jupiter to the cot, in Schiller's "Partition of the Earth:"

Willst du in meinem Himmel mit mir leben,

mat, du sollst willkommen seyn She seemed to be much more interested by the struggle of the Greeks against the Bar-barians, than by any thoughts of love; and I barians, than by any thoughts of love; and 1 had reason to conjecture that a few single poems on this historical subject, which she had communicated to me while yet unfinished, would end in the composition of a greater and valuable whole, in the same manner as, in a former similar period of composure of mind, her "Gottesfirtheil" had arisen.

At the latter end of August, ten thousand

troops, of our own country, were assembled in the city and neighbourhood, to practise military evolutions and manœnvres. Whether image of war recalled to her mind a time (ten years ago, or more) when, amidst the general distress, her heart had found joys which could no more return; or whether, in this busy period, her heart had received some new and powerful impression, the object of which she thought it her duty to avoid, as unworthy—whatever, in short, may have been the cause, she left the theatre of coun-terfeit war at the very beginning of Septem-ber, and went to Halle, where she had before ber, and went to mane, where she had better this frequently found salutary relief in the bosom of two families of her friends. On this occasion she found both families so aitnated, that she had reason to apprehend that it might be inconvenient to them to reto the celebrated Mrs. Hendel-Schütz, in whose hospitable abode she was received in the most friendly manner. They observed in her a certain gloom, a suppressed internal conflict, but nothing like mental alienation. One evening she was missed. They inquired for her at the houses of her other friends, but she was no where to be found. After an anxious night, she was brought home the following morning, accompanied by some officers of the police. Some persons had observed her, negligently dressed, walking up and down, and wringing her hands, upon the banks of the stream. They approached her, to prevent what they supposed to be her intention. As she declined making any reply to all the questions they asked her, they One evening she was missed. They inply to all the questions they asked her, they presumed her to be a lunatic, and gave her in charge to the police; and in the watch-house, every attempt to induce her to give some account of herself was equally fruitless the mouth of the eloquent Novelist is silent as the tomb. Nothing remains but to take eare of the supposed lunatic for the hight; and the head of the Poetes, weary of hife, which in the eyes of the culightened part of the nation is crowned with laurel, sinks down in the hard bed of a watch house! Slumber at length restored her strength, which had been exhausted by the internal conflict be-tween lile and death. On awaking, she names the house of Professor Schutz as her abode, and is accordingly conducted thither. Her new friends are now sensible of the danger which threatens the intellects and even the life of the Poetess. They are of opinion that this danger cannot be averted but by the care of friends, whom longer acquaintance and more confirmed intimacy would enable to probe thoroughly the secret disease of this

feeling heart. The patient, however, rejects every idea of returning home, as an absolute impossibility. At length she accepts the pro-posal of Professor Schilling, to spend some time in his house, where his mother-in-law, one of the oldest, most intimate, and most respected friends of Louisa, happened to be on a visit. Here she passed some days, silent, melancholy, full of internal agitation; whatever she says breathes discontent, not with the external world, but with the world within -depreciation of her talents, of her works, her reputation, nay, even of her heart; -her whole being seems absorbed in one painful feeling, of having missed the object of her life. This is the secret power which silently, often slowly, but certainly, breaks the courage to

On the 17th of September, in the evening, Louisa leaves the family-circle with every appearance of composure, and goes to her bed-chamber. Soon after, they learn from the servants that she is gone out. They hasten to her room, find the dress which she has just thrown off, farewell-letters, bequests! There is no doubt of the cause of her going out. Every exertion is made; they go and send in all directions, in order, if possible, to overtake their mentally-diseased friend, before she has executed her fatal purpose. In vain: nobody has seen her-no where is any trace of her to be found; and it is not till the 23d of September that the stream gives up the mortal covering of the immortal spirit. A stone, which she had fastened to her by means of her shawl, had not proved heavy enough to retain longer in the bed of the stream what she intended should never more be seen by human eyes. The perishable body which that mind and that heart had ennobled, was not destined to moulder away without a tomb.

Shall we call it madness that impelled her to such a deed? Shall we found this opinion on the history of her youth, which relates, that, when little more than a child, she purposely threw herself from a gallery two stories high? The earthly judge may believe in insanity in such cases; "died like Sappho" does not stand in his book. I have known the Poetess for a quarter of a century, and found in her much error, it is true, but no madness. That which threw her from the gallery in her fourteenth year, was perhaps a lively poetical presentiment of that which in her fortieth (so old I imagine her to have been) weighed her down as melancholy reality:

"Die Bettelarmuth all' des Menschenthums Der Sehnsucht einer Seele gegenüber."

* The beggarliness of all human pursuits Compared with the yearnings of a soul.

LETTERS FROM PARIS.

Paris, Jan. 22, 1823. In the arts and in literature we have this week nothing new. There is indeed a large statue of Bayard by Raggi, placed in the court of the Louvre; it is destined for Grenoble, and represents the Chevalier when mortally wounded at the retreat of Quebec.

Bayard supports himself against the trunk of a tree, and the hilt of his sword, which forms a cross, he holds before his face. By this arrangement his face is too much concealed, and what is seen of it has more the air of a copucin than the expression of a dying christian

about an expected work, A la baisse is the answer. - - I had forgotten a very pretty publication, entitled Esquisses de la Revolution; it is edited by M. Dulaure, author of the History of Paris which has had so much success. Each livraison has several wellexecuted cuts of the scenes of the Revolu-tion.—Las Cases' Memorial does not excite any thing like the attention it would have done in a calmer and duller season. All classes have their interests so much affected by living questions and agents, that deceased greatness and historic records are forgotten. Bertrand's zealous disavowals of all the Napoleon publications receive various comments; the truth is, that is, the base differed on the subject.

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It is feared the war with Spain will seriously affect the interests both of writers and publishers. Various heavy works are commencing, or in progress, from which public attention is likely to be diverted by great political agitations. The French are enriching their literature by numerous translations and compilations from foreign, and especially from English works; but I fear they are too hastily projected and too rapidly executed to be as correct, as judicious, and as valuable as they might be, and as it is desirable for France they should be. They are, in general, mero money-getting operations, calculated on the fashion of the day and the existing peace between the two countries; not plans conceived by literary men in the design to aid, permanently and efficiently, the republic of letters. It was desirable that these pub-lications, however imperfect, should have had sufficient success to encourage further progress and improvement; the war will undoubtedly operate very unfavourably in this respect. A company of gens de lettres are publishing a collection of Biographical Memoirs of distinguished Dramatists, &c. Three livraisons have appeared, and in these the Lives of Mrs. Bellamy and Garrick have excited great interest. But no publication was ever expected with so much impatience as that of H. M. Louis xviii., and none has better paid the publishers. An hour after the Sitting, the publication began at the Imprimerie Royale. The usual price is two sous the first day, and one sou the second day; but such was the eagerness of the public, that they sold at ten sous, fifteen sous, twenty sous; some were even bought at thirty sons, but thousands were disposed of at twenty, though the pub-lic knew it would appear in the evening Papers, and be sold the nextmorning in every alley and carrefour of Paris for one son ;en effet, this morning our ears are stunned with Le Superbe Discours du Roi pour un sou Voila! qu'on appelle, une bonne affaire.

THE DRAMA.

At Drury Lane we have had nothing new but the old drolleries of Liston in several parts, and a pretty pastoral Ballet. - - - At Covent Garden, Nigel holds on his alternate nights with fair success (the weather being whimsical imitation of Macready; and on Thursday, Love in a Village presented a Mr. Larkin as Young Meadows, and Miss Paton as Rosetta. The former has an exquithero. But—the hourse is every thing; when they are 80—50 you need not be surprised at literary depression. If you speak of a poem, Fin du mois is the reply; if you ask much lengthened, and not improved by the

If you will live with me, in my heaven,
Whene'er you come, you shall be welcome,

introduction of strange songs and by injudi-cious friendly encores—an evil, by the by, growing daily more tiresome to the less interested portion of the audiences, and especially observable in musical matters, as the repetition even of Overtures clearly demon strates. Miss Paton sang delightfully, and performed almost as well as she sang.

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[Having so little of our own Drama this week, we shall make room for a Parisian Notice.]-THEATER PRANCAIS.

Fielding, a comedy in verse, in one act. Many English whom I have seen in France of late, and with whom I have conversed on the novels of Fielding, have appeared to me to be quite surprised, and almost scandalized, at my esteem for that author, who, they say, is of a species almost extinct, and who is far from possessing the fine and picturesque style of his successors. As for his diction, properly so called, it does not become me to judge of it; but if the translations which we have of Tom Jones, for example, are not greatly corrected and embellished (which I by no means ima-gine is the case,) I really do not perceive that there is so much to reprove in the style of this novel writer. If I proceed to examine the truth and the sustained originality of his characters, the variety of his portraits, his skilful contrasts, the delightful fascination of his episodes, the keen wit of his remarks, and the extreme facility with which he handles the weapons of ridicule and satire, I confess that I am very little disposed to consider him eclipsed by the new novel-writers of whom England boasts. I know persons also in France, who, since they have read the sonorous phraseology of the Rénégat and the Solitaire, speak with disdain of the works of Le Sage. The time however is, I hope, not far distant when the author of Gil Blas, as well as the author of Tom Jones, will resume the rank which true judges have assigned them. The little dramatic piece in question is founded on a well-known instance of Fielding's imprudent generosity in devoting a few guineas, which he had borrowed of his publisher for the purpose of satisfying the demand of the gatherer, to the relief of a distressed friend. It was well performed, and much applauded.—Paris Journal.

VARIETIES.

A translation, in Italian verse, of Sir Wal-ter Scott's " Lady of the Lake," by M. Joseph Indelicato, has been published at Palermo. From what we have heard, we fear that it is not a very successful effort.

Mr. Henry Neele has in the press a Volume of Dramatic and Miscellaneous Poems. M. Michele Leoni proceeds at Florence with the publication of his translation of Shakespeare. The Italian critics panegyrize

it in high terms.

The Paris volume of Memoirs relating to the

been between 31,000 and 32,000. M. de Marbois complains of the smallness and dampness of the cells, of the practice of chaining the prisoners, of the bad quality of the food, of the insufficiency of the clothing, of the substitution in many places of straw for beds, and of the absence in all of moral and religious instruction. He describes the prisoners to be generally in a state of the most savage ignorance and barbarism. Among a variety of suggestions for the diminution of these evils, M. Marbois recommends the introduction into the French Houses of Correction of the English tread-wheel.

Morals, - The sum of a thousand francs (rather more than 401. sterling) has been sent to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Morals in Paris, by an anonymous correspondent, to be divided into two prizes for the best Essays against Gambling and Lotteries.

A new religious Paris Journal, L'Eclaireur (one of our Correspondents writes to us has just made its appearance.) - Recueil de pièces destinées a concourir au rétablissement du règne de Dieu et de son Christ sur tonte la terre. It is not a pecuniary enterprise, but a benevolent and pious attempt on the part of some very excellent and enlightened Catholics to excite attention to the truths of the Scriptures, and to the present state of religion in the world. It is of course destined for Catholics, or the mass of the French people nominally Catholic. It is the first Catholic Journal that has appeared free from political and party views. From my know-ledge of the parties, I hope it will be very advantageous to the cause of truth and charity. They possess talent, learning, and disinterested desire to promote affection among all classes of Christians.

M. Bossange, sen, has formed in Paris a handsome French, English, German, Italian, and Spanish library, comprehending all the works of Science, History, and Literature which have been written in those five languages. In an adjoining gallery are classed, nation by nation, the best editions of the

most celebrated works.

Botany,-The wonderful progress made in the cultivation of this branch of science in late years, may be in some measure estimated by the following comparative Note on Works, and especially a late German Enumeratio, which treat of it:

Linnaeus had 34 Veronicas, Persoon 63, Wahl Tanaeus nau 34 Veronicas, Person 6.3, was 73, Roemer and Schulles nave in their new edition 136. Of Utriculariæ, Linnæus has 8, Person 18, Roemer and Schulles 61.—Linnæus has 4 Gratiolæ, Roemur and Schulles 42.—Linnæus has 32 Salviæ, Wildenow 76, Person 104, Wahl 137, Roemer and Schulles 173; &c.

The authors last referred to, have, we observe, retained the Linuman system, except the 23d class. One volume only is published; the 2d volume, now in the press, is announced to contain all the Grasses of the 3d class.

The Paris volume of Memoirs relating to the Revolution of England, edited by the eternal M. Guizot, has the advantage of being politically interesting and a propos, as well as historical. The first livraison, which is just out, contains the Memoirs of Sir P. Warwick and May's Long Parliament. M. Guizot, perhaps, undertakes to edit too much, and especially in the gener of English Herature.

French Prison.—We observe in a Memoir published by M. de Marbois; one of the Royal Society of France for the amelioration of Prisons, that the gaols of France are in a very deplorable condition. Their average

population during the last three years has attacked. If the Dramen combats, lance in rest, like the late Don Quixotte, the Constitutionnel is represented as old Father Sulky, and the Journal des Debats, with a violin in his hand, seems to be considering in what key to play. As for the Journal de Paris, he has no right to complain of the lithographer, who has depicted him in the habit of the National Guard (which he will be always proud to wear,) and with spectacles; no doubt in order that none of the follies of the day may escape him.

> Britton's History and Antiquities of the Metropolitical Church of Canterbury, with Engravings, medium 4to. 3f. 3s.; imperial 4to. 5f. 5s.; and super royal folio, with proofs, 1ul. 19z.—The Edinburgh Annual Register, Vol. XH. for 1819, 8vo. 21z.—Brayley's Views of Ancient Casties, No. 2, 8vo. 4z.—the factory of the Crown Jewels, a Play, 8vo. 3z.—First Sitting of the Crown Jewels, a Play, 8vo. 3z.—First Sitting of the Committee on the proposed Monument to. Shakspeare, 12mo. 2z. 6d.—Letters, Literary and Political, on Poland, 8vo. 12z.—Tracey the Poet, a Novel, 3 vols. 12mo. 18z. 6d.—The Scarlet Handkerchief, a Novel, 3 vols. 12mo. 18z. 6d.—Rouillow's French Graumar, foolscan 8vo. 5z.—Rouillow's French Graumar, foolscan 8vo. 5z. Scarlet Handkerchief, a Novel, 3 vols. 12mo. 18s.
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> Zaphna, or the Amulet, by Isabel Hill, 12mo. 5s.—
> Lives of Eminent Men, vol. 2, 18mo. 2s. 6d.
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